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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC TC (ALI SHURAFI)

SUBJ: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR NOMINATIONS - UNITED ARAB EMIRATES -  
PART I

REF: DEPT AIRGRAM A-8585; ABU DHABI 0020 (LOU)

1. NAME: ALI SHURAFI (RECOMMEND FIRST CLASS TRAVEL WITHOUT  
VIP PERDIEM)

2. SIGNIFICANT POSITIONS:

PRESENT: DIRECTOR GENERAL OF OFFICE OF PRESIDENTIAL  
AFFAIRS AND ONE OF THE DIRECTORS OF U.A.E. DEVELOPMENT BANK.  
PAST: DIRECTOR ABU DHABI CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION;  
U.A.E. AMBASSADOR TO THE SUDAN; DIRECTOR, ECONOMIC DEPT,  
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

3. PERSONAL DATA:

DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH: SHARJAH, U.A.E., CIRCA '44  
CITIZENSHIP: UNITED ARAB EMIRATES.

4. TRAVEL ABROAD: SUDAN, EGYPT, INDIA AND MOST ARAB  
COUNTRIES. MANY OF HIS VISITS ABROAD WERE IN CON-  
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JUNCTION WITH THE U.A.E. PRESIDENT'S TRAVELS.

5. PREVIOUS U.S. GRANT: NONE

6. ESCORT SERVICES:

WILL ESCORT BE REQUIRED? NO

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7. VISA ELIGIBILITY: WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR J-1 VISA.

8. REASON FOR NOMINATION: SHURAFU IS YOUNG, BRIGHT AND AMBITIOUS. HE IS ONE OF SHAIKH ZAYED'S FAVORITES AND IS A KEY LIEUTENANT ON MANY MATTERS OF STATE. WITH HIS ABILITY AND AMBITION, SHURAFU SEEMS MOST LIKELY TO BE IN POSITIONS OF POWER AND AUTHORITY WITHIN U.A.E. FOR LONG TIME TO COME. THUS USG INVITATION TO PERMIT HIM PAY LONG ANTICIPATED VISIT TOUS SHOULD ENHANCE U.S. FUTURE OBJECTIVES.

9. POST OBJECTIVES FOR U.S. VISIT: GIVEN ALL INCLUSIVE NATURE OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES, EMBASSY DESIRES THAT SHURAFU GET A SIMILARLY BROAD VIEW OF THE UNITED STATES. TO DEGREE THAT VISIT IS GIVEN SPECIFIC FOCUS, AREAS SUCH AS OIL, AGRICULTURE, FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS AND GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING FEDERAL/STATE INTERACTION WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

10. POST ESTIMATE OF NOMINEE'S AVAILABILITY DATES FOR U.S. PROGRAM: MAY OR JUNE FOR UP TO THREE WEEKS.  
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